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Docket No. 1232-4457**REMARKS****I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-17, 21-25 and 29 are currently pending. Claims 20, 28 and 30-36 have been withdrawn from consideration due to a restriction requirement.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 11-13, 16 and 21-24 have been amended and are supported by at least the features of Fig. 4 and the accompanying specification on page 32. These amendments simply involve superficial changes to the claims. No new matter is believed to have been added by this Amendment. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-17, 21-25 and 29 would still be pending.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 21-25 and 29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,216,612 to Cornett et al. Claims 13-15, 16 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cornett et al. Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cornett et al in view of Wagner (U.S. Patent No. 4,980,826). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of these claims for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants incorporate herein the arguments submitted in the Request for Reconsideration filed on April 11, 2003 and the prior Supplemental Amendment and Responses filed on June 18, 2003 and June 20, 2003.

For those reasons previously submitted in the above-noted responses, independent claims 1, 9, 11-13, 16, 21-24, and 29 and their dependent claims are distinguishable over the

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cited references. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing supplemental amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of this application.

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Docket No. 1232-4457**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4457. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4457. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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